

HCS SB 93 -- TAXATION

SPONSOR: Cooper (120)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Tax Policy by a vote of 17 to 1.

This substitute exempts from state and local sales and use taxes all purchases of tangible personal property and all items converted into tangible personal property which are donated to the State of Missouri.

The substitute exempts from property tax motor vehicles leased for a period of one year or more to the state or any political subdivision.

The substitute also creates the Exhibition Center and Recreation Facility District Act. It enables citizens of Boone, Buchanan, Camden, Jasper, Jefferson, Miller, Morgan, and Newton counties to petition to create an exhibition center and recreation facility district. At least 50 property owners in a county must sign the petition.

Once the petition is filed, the governing body may approve a resolution to create the district. Following a public hearing, the governing body may adopt an order establishing the proposed district.

A board of trustees will administer any district created. The governing body of each county within the district will appoint four residents from the portion of the county within the district to serve on the board. The board will have the power to enter into contracts or other agreements affecting the affairs of the district, to borrow money, to issue bonds, to acquire and dispose of real and personal property, to refund bonds without an election, to manage the affairs of the district, to hire agents, and to amend and adopt bylaws.

The district may submit to its voters a sales tax of up to 0.5%. The tax will be reduced automatically to a rate of 0.1% after 25 years unless an extension is voted upon by the voters in the district.

The substitute also authorizes the passage of a local sales tax in Shannon County on lodging, campgrounds, canoe rentals, and trail rides. The tax cannot be greater than 5%. The governing body must submit the tax to a vote of the people. Revenue from the tax will be used for the promotion of tourism in the county.

The substitute contains an emergency clause on the portion of the bill relating to the Exhibition Center and Recreational Facility District Tax Act.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters of the bill as it passed the Senate say that persons who are generous enough to donate personal property to the State should not have to pay sales or use tax on the gift.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Shields.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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